Krishi Vigyan Kendra

2420. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Union Government propose to open Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Hagari in Bellary District of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this Kendra is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

External Publicity

2421. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lack of due emphasis on external publicity leads to inadequate appreciation for India's stand on various issues in foreign countries and at international forums;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to involve and interact with people of Indian origin settled abroad for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. To the contrary, the Ministry of External Affairs has been successful in projecting, through its external publicity efforts, India's position and concerns on bilateral and international issues. This has created a greater awareness globally of India's stand on these issues.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The people of Indian origin in different countries form a very important segment of the Ministry of External Affairs to have the closest possible interaction with them, to keep them fully abreast of developments concerning India. A programme of seminars, meetings and dissemination of audio-visual and printed material on India is already in place, targetted at the people of Indian abroad. For example, very successful seminar for non-resident Indians was organised in Singapore in October, 1991 to acquaint them with the latest economic policy initiatives of the Government of India. More such initiatives are planned in the future.

Water Disputes Between Punjab and Haryana

2422. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHARI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh initiative has been taken to resolve the pending disputes between Punjab and Haryana regarding the sharing of river water including Ravi-Beas waters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the concerned States are proposed to be taken into confidence while taken decisions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESQURECES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The only pending river water dispute between Punjab and Haryana